



Nipomo Community Services District TURF REPLACEMENT REBATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Please read each of the *Turf-Replacement Rebate Program Requirements* and sign your initials in the line to the left of each requirement, signifying you have read, understand, and accept the condition/requirement.

_____ The Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) is offering cash rebates to a **limited number** of residential customers in return for reducing the amount of lawn area in their landscapes, and substituting drought-tolerant plants from an NCSD list (see attached "Drought-Tolerant Plants for the Nipomo Mesa"). The initial residents selected will be enrolled in a pilot program. Depending on the results of the pilot program, the Turf-Replacement Program **may** be expanded to include larger numbers of participants.

_____ If the conditions and the requirements of the program are met by the applicant selected for the pilot program, NCSD will pay a rebate of \$1.00 per square-foot of lawn, up to a maximum of \$500 (for 500 square-feet of lawn).

_____ Applicant must be the owner of the single-family-residence, and the residence must receive water from an NCSD meter (must be an NCSD water customer). One turf-replacement rebate per residence/property.

_____ Tenants are not eligible for this program.

_____ NCSD reserves all rights in making a final determination for approval or non-approval on a case-by-case basis. The program may be changed or discontinued at any time, at the discretion of NCSD.

_____ The approximate time between final approval and issuance of rebate is four weeks

_____ Rebates are only available for projects approved in advance. This program is not for previously installed, NCSD-unapproved landscape modifications.

_____ Applicant is required to submit a drawing (with measurements) indicating the following:

Dimensions of entire yard;

Dimensions and location of landscape area to be converted to drought-tolerant planting;

Plant placement, plant identification and placement, and basic canopy size of trees to be conserved.

(NOTE: Plants must be spaced for size at maturity)

Irrigation changes to be made for new landscaping.

_____ Applicant must submit representative photographs of the areas to be converted to drought-resistant landscape.

_____ Applicant must sign a contract representing the requirements and benefits of program.

_____ Applicant must agree to brief pre-installation and post-installation inspections as part of the approval process.

_____ Applicant must agree not to re-install turf/lawn in the area rebated. If lawn/turf is subsequently replanted on in the area for which rebate was received, applicant will be billed for reimbursement of entire amount of rebates received from NCSD, plus administrative costs.

_____ Applicant must choose drought-tolerant plant material from a District-approved list (see the attached "Drought-Tolerant Plants for the Nipomo Mesa" and SLO County's "Approved Low Water Plants").

_____ Applicant must not include plants listed in the "San Luis Obispo County Invasive Plants List" (attached).

_____ Applicant must cover the soil between and beneath the plants with a minimum of 2 inches of mulch (3 to 4 inches is recommended). Mulch permitted: wood-material, cocoa-hull, gravel. Rubber mulch is not permitted. Impervious plastic is not permitted, unless it is part of a water-harvesting design.

Applicant must modify or eliminate the existing lawn-irrigation system (if applicable) to irrigate the newly landscaped areas (if at all) through separate valve(s) controlled independently of remaining turf area.

Spray irrigation is not allowed in the rebated area. You may hand water or use drip, soaker or bubbler irrigation systems. If you hand water, plants installed in the landscape as part of this rebate program must be one-gallon or larger container stock. Existing sprinklers in rebated area may be converted to a drip system. All irrigation systems must have an approved backflow prevention device.

Approved turf substitute may be used to replace the existing turf/lawn. Approved turf substitute: *Carex praegracilis* and *Achillea millefolium* are approved substitutes.

Water-permeable landscape/hardscape structures (such as decks, gravel, mulch, rocks, bark or uncemented pavers) may be used as a substitute for 50% existing turf/lawn area.

Synthetic turf (i.e., Astroturf and the like) may not be used for rebated lawn/turf replacement.

I have read, understand, and will comply with the requirements and conditions of the Turf Replacement Rebate Program.

Signature